

McGraw Seems to Have a Team Sure to Land Pennant

TILLY SHAFER'S GOING HAS WEAKENED GIANTS; BUT THEY SHOULD WIN

Neither Snodgrass Nor Stock Equals Temperamental Californian Around That Infield—Bescher and McLean Towers of Strength and McGrawites Look Fast.

By H. PERRY LEWIS.

How has the retirement of Tilly Shafer weakened the Giants? Are they the same speedy, aggressive crowd that beat out the Phils last year, or has the loss of Herzog and Shafer gummed the machinery? On Tuesday local fans saw young Stock cavort around the last station, and consensus of opinion seemed to be that the youngster will fall far short of filling Shafer's shoes.

Of course, there is Snodgrass, on whom McGraw has depended in the absence of Shafer, but from the appearance of things there will be many days that Snod will be decorating the bench. The former center fielder is not rugged and strong, and since the latter part of last season has frequently drawn up with a Charlie horse. It was this that kept him out of most of the world's series games with the Athletics, and Tuesday he was unable to get in the opener for the same reason.

SELDOM RECOVER FROM OLD C. H.

Experience has taught the wise ones that an athlete subject to attacks of the old C. H. seldom fully recovers. Where there is smoke there is fire, and the organic weakness of a muscle, ligament or tendon is likely to manifest itself in a mighty unpleasant manner every time a heavy strain is put on the affected part.

If Snodgrass is unable to play twenty-five out of 154 games of the season, and there appears to be basis for the belief that he will not, the Giants are going to be weaker in the infield in the offensive and defensive department than they were last season. When Snodgrass is playing third base McGraw inner works is weaker than it was when Shafer was in the last pad.

Shafer was and is the superior of Snodgrass in every department of the summer madness. He could hit better, field better, and work better in the outfield than Snod. Snod is a temperamental Californian is so much more than Stock that there can be no comparison between the two.

The Giant outfield, with Bobby Bescher in the middle station, looks as strong or stronger than it was last season. The former Red plays a defensive game equal to Snod's offense, and in hitting and base running is red Murray and Burns are just as

good as they ever were, the trio forming as nifty an outfield as there is in the National League. In the battery end of the game the Giants excel any aggregation in the old circuit at the present time. Mathewson is the same old master; Marquard, Teraura, Demaree, and Fromme form a quartet of pitching talent that looks like a million francs. Chief Meyers is—but why talk about the chief. Everybody knows what a large quantity of catcher the aborigine is, and this year he will be helped out by Larry McLean, who we are told, no longer does himself justice among the crystals.

If Larry is the level with the reform stuff, he is going to be a big help to the McGraw family this season, and you can take it from us that if Larry doesn't walk the straight and narrow business he won't be of the McGraw clan very long. McLean is a great receiver, and one who has never done himself justice for two reasons: First, because he has never been situated in a position where he was satisfied with it now, and second, he never put any heart in his work until McGraw rescued him from St. Louis.

Taking them by and large, the Giants are about as good this year as they were last, and a mighty formidable aggregation. They look like winners, but remember that picking a winner in baseball is like looking for the elusive little pea.

And Right Here, Fellow Citizens, You Have the Five Ages of a Hair-Cut



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ED KELLEY IS SHINING IN SCHOLASTIC GAMES

Fans Seventy-seven Opponents and Walks Only Eleven in Nine Contests.

By BRYAN MORSE.

If pitching in practice games is to be taken as a criterion, Ed Kelley, captain and star hurler of the Business High School nine, is going to have things all his own way in the coming title series against Tech, Eastern, Western, and Central. Not since the days of McCathern and Cunningham, of Central; Weightman, Michael and Holden, of Western; Sterner, of Tech, or Linthicum, of Eastern, has Kelley's work been approached.

Kelley has worked in a part or through nine games in all. In some battles he has taken but three or four innings, while on five occasions he has gone the route, being beaten but once, in a performance against M. A. C., a team of secondary college strength.

Here is his record against the several teams:

Team	Innings	Hits	S.O.	B.B.
St. Paul's	3	0	9	0
St. John's	3	0	6	1
Friends	3	1	7	0
Central	3	2	10	0
Preps	3	4	4	0
M. A. C.	4	3	4	4
St. Albans	3	1	10	0
Harrisburg	4	3	6	0
Stanton	9	2	15	1
Totals	60	22	77	11

In other words, the Orange and Blue flinger has fanned on an average of

ten per game, has allowed less than two men to walk per contest, and has held the opposition down to an average of three hits per contest.

Kelley is backed by a veteran team of fair hitting strength and is counting upon coming through with a vengeance this season. Ability to fool the opposition seems to be his main asset for no less than seventy-seven times have would-be hitters found the bench after whiffing the air.

Frank Greer, of Eastern, will probably oppose Jack Adams, of Western, when the teams meet on Tuesday next. Kelley is expected to pitch against the Eastern and Western teams.

"Units" Brewer, Cathedral's crack sprinter, is being counted upon to land the schoolboy honors at the Washington and Lee interscholastic games scheduled for next Saturday. Brewer is conceded to be the best of the sprinters up to the quarter-mile.

"Silly" Maxam, of Western; Harry Harris, of Business; and Jakey Roberts, of Tech, seem to be the fastest lads on the bases this season. All three players have excellent base-stealing records.

Business Plays at Woodstock, Virginia

WOODSTOCK, Va., April 18.—Business High School's baseball team is here today to take on the Massanutten team in the first game of the Washington and Lee interscholastic games.

Following the Washington and Lee team's defeat of the Staunton Military Academy by 5 to 2 yesterday, Kelly allowed but seven hits and struck out fifteen batters at Staunton.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

The Toast Incarnate.

Sing if ye will of McGraw and Mack, Chant the science of the attack; Up with the batter, down with the wine, To the gallant chief of a gallant nine; But off apart from the swirling mart— And a fellow feeling within my heart— Hero goes—and deep to the final drop, To the ultimate drops of the cup, old friend; Though luck may leer where Fortune frowns— Here goes—THE MANAGER OF THE BROWNS.

He's a human being, I know the guy, With a regular nose and a regular eye; He sleeps in a bed and lives on food, While clothes prevent him from going nude; And a few of us who have hit the chutes With a harrowing run of muffs and bores Can take a moment or two and slip A bloke one push for an upstart trip; Over the sweep of the flag-crazed towns And drink—THE MANAGER OF THE BROWNS.

Suggestions to magnates in charge of organized baseball and the Peds: Why not start the season on January 15, to place of selecting April 15? It's two to one the first named date will display a neater and softer brand of weather.

Why shouldn't the magnates start April 15? asks an exchange. "Take Greater New York alone and add the rest of the country. Why not get that extra money."

We begudge no magnate 5 cents or \$100,000. But the opener had been set between April 25 and May 1, the odds are that the day would be warm and sunny and in the middle of the season. The magnates mentioned the attendance would have been 100,000. And in place of having the second battle call, they would have a double-header, one game on hand. The magnates would make more money with a later start. The players would be in far better shape and the populace at large would be doubly pleased—a triple combination that plays quite a part in the upkeep of the make-up of the sport.

The surest and safest way out would be to start around April 25, close the schedule out on the same October date as usual and insert a few double-header games here and there to complete the 154-game schedule. The players, the public and the magnates would all be for this. This leaves the odds some 100 to 1 in favor of the Peds. The Peds would be the ones in charge of the schedule.

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DIAMOND ECHOES

We're leading the Red Sox, anyway, two victories to one.

Ray Caldwell had his whitewash brush working and for the second time in succession the Mackmen dropped a game.

"Shano" Collins proved the clouter for his White Sox in their fourth successive victory over the Naps. He whaled out four bingles, including a homer.

Jack Lelivelt, the old Washington outfielder, collected three bingles yesterday off Faber and Russell, his triple in the ninth tying the score. Jack is playing centerfield till Leibold is ready to play.

Jim Vaughn, the huge southpaw given a trial by Manager Griffith, started yesterday's battle against the Red Sox by giving way to Lavender when he went wild. In two and two-thirds innings Vaughn fanned three, hit a man and walked five.

Johnny Evers, the scrappy ex-Cub, in his eighth and second basemen of the Boston Braves, went through his second game of the season yesterday without connecting for a hit. Though Braves seem to be having a hard time to get under way against the Brooklyn Robins.

George McBride, the Griffins' dandy captain, showed wonderful skill in the field against the Red Sox yesterday. He batted eleven hard chances, nine of them being assisted by his marvelous ability at tight-lining with all the wisdom of a Napoleon.

Harry Covalek, the "Giant Killer," showed unmistakable ability on the mound for the Tigers yesterday, though he was not able to put a run across. He batted 2 to 1 in this follow-up game.

Fred Clarke, the Pirate chieftain, turned loose a rookie hurler, Kantiener, and the youngster threw every effort of the Cardinals to put a run across the plate. He gave Huggins, crew four scattered hits, but he passed seven. Whenever he was in trouble, he displayed marvelous ability at tight-lining up and getting out of his troubles.

Senor Armadillo Marazans, the Cuban gentleman, who whines away his time in the yard of the gardens for the Chicago Reds, tried nobly to tie up the tally yesterday against the Cubs by chasing a steal of home. He was out, however, and was snuffed out like a candle, ending the batting rally of the famous tribe.

Cleveland Has Seven Boxers in the Finals

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—With seven out of the eight members of the Cleveland delegation qualified, the final rounds of the 1914 national amateur boxing championship will be held here this evening. Other out-of-town boxers are also showing up well especially W. Hitchen, last year's 125-pound winner, Loren Steinbecker, of St. Louis, who though defeated in the 155-pound class, came through in the light-heavyweight division with a knockout. The New York, heavyweight.

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KETCHEL'S GRAVE INX TO BOXERS VISITING IT

Evil Falls Upon Every Athlete Who Has Paid His Respects to Former Champion.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 18.—That a "hoodoo," "inx," or some other manner of evil spell follows in the wake of pugilists who visit Grand Rapids is practically a certainty.

It may be that Grand Rapids is the cause and again it may be that the grave of Stanley Ketchel, one time middleweight king, is the cause.

At any rate, infortune, consisting of sickness, injuries, knock-outs, canceled matches, and even death, have followed in the wake of those who have paid their respects to the departed Ketchel.

When the great "Iron Killer" was laid to rest in the Polish Catholic Cemetery here, Mike Donaldson, Stanley's sparring partner and closest friend, accompanied the body and made all arrangements. He saw that flowers were placed over the grave and arranged that they be renewed.

When Donaldson left Grand Rapids he looked back at the grave and saw a shadow of his former self and a shadow of his former death.

He is still in the ring, but the battle to overcome the "inx" has prevented him from meeting the topnotchers who had once feared him. Donaldson was the first to experience the "inx" when he remained for six weeks at death's door. When he emerged he was a shadow of his former self and a shadow of his former death.

Following the visit to the resting place of the former world's middleweight champion, the "inx" has followed over a year ago a traveling aggregation of all-star fighters, in touring the country, stopped at Grand Rapids and staged an exhibition. Those in the party were the late Luther McCarty, white heavyweight champion, Jimmy Clabby, middleweight title claimant, Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, and Johnny Coulton, bantamweight champion, as well as other lesser lights.

Sunday afternoon prior to their Monday night exhibition the entire party visited the Ketchel grave, covered it with a mass of flowers, and concluded the ceremony by having a group photo taken.

The first to be visited by disaster was Luther McCarty, who died May 24, 1913, following a knockout at the hands of the late Mike Donaldson.

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Arthur Pelkey in a Calgary, Canada, ring.

Johnny Coulton was the next to be visited by the "inx." Illness claimed him, and as a result the little bantam in today's edition has a thousand shekels, which might have been his had he been in condition to fill several tentative matches.

Johnny Kilbane either shied at opponents or could not come to an amicable agreement on terms, and as a consequence his efforts were not overvalued when his books were balanced the last of January. Additionally, Johnny pinned great hopes on decisively winning over Johnny Dundee in their twenty-round bout at Los Angeles, April 20, 1913. A draw was the result.

Now, to cap the climax, George Chip, who has been credited as one of the best middleweights in the country, returned to the ring yesterday evening, and his march toward the middle crown was a foregone conclusion.

Chip appeared in Grand Rapids in a match against Tim O'Neil, of Chicago, several weeks ago, and won handsomely over the Windy City lad. He closed his visit with a trip to the Ketchel grave.

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LIVE SPORTS

YOUNG McCUE WANTS BATTLE WITH EGAN

Thinks He Can Win From Him in Another Bout at Ardmore Club Next Month.

Young McCue, Baltimore's veteran boxer, is out again with a desire to meet Kid Egan, Washington's ring performer, at the Ardmore club. It is possible that these two men will put up such a slashing battle at the popular Maryland club a few weeks ago, will be matched as the stars in a show staged early next month.

"I'm willing to take Egan on again," says McCue, "and the sooner the better. I don't think I can beat him that first time he boxed at Ardmore. If we go on again, I want Pat O'Connor as third man made the circle. If Egan is matched with this, I'll sign up at once. I feel sure that I can defeat him."

Gunner Selman leaves tomorrow for Indian Head for a three weeks' instruction in power and diving. On his return to the Capital he will try to have himself matched with Mike Donaldson, former sparring partner of the late Stanley Ketchel. Donaldson is now training here and expects to be in good shape by the time Selman returns. "I'll be glad to have Selman hook him up with the big seaman gunner, he'll take him on."

Plans are under way for greatly improving the Ardmore clubhouse and the Washington will have a first-class boxing club by early summer. It is planned to seat between 1,500 and 1,800 fans comfortably.

Evans Will Compete.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr., Western golf star, has engaged passage on a steamer leaving Boston April 23, and will compete in the British golf championship at the Royal Lytham and St. Annes, this country's list of representatives up to ten.

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